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Attention: Ms. Sue Kiser

Dear Ms. Kiser:

With this letter, and pursuant to the authority delegated to me, I approve the following amendment of the Kern Council of Governments' (KCOG) 2004/05 - 2008/09 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP):

<u>No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
15	<b>Local Element</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>This amendment modifies funding for the Hazard Elimination Safety (HES) lump sum grouped project listing by programming an additional \$250,000 in federal HES funds and \$75,000 in local funds in Fiscal Year 2005/06.</li></ul>

I am also recommending that the Federal Highway Administration and the Federal Transit Administration approve this FTIP Amendment No. 15 for inclusion into California's 2004/05 - 2006/07 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP). Projects included in this FTIP, in fiscal years beyond the three-year cycle of the current FSTIP, are not approved as part of this FTIP amendment and are for information only.

The updated programming is for projects determined to be exempt from the requirement that a conformity determination and/or regional emissions analysis be performed per 40 CFR 93.126, Table 2. In addition, this FTIP amendment is consistent with the State Implementation Plan. The financial impacts of this amendment are compatible with anticipated revenues in the FSTIP Financial Plan and do not significantly affect the overall financial analysis.

In accordance with existing law, public involvement procedures are a part of the project selection process. KCOG prepared this FTIP amendment under that process permitting citizens, affected local agencies, other public agencies, and other interested parties reasonable opportunity for comment.

Please address any questions on this FSTIP approval request to Penny Gray, of my staff, at (916) 654-3521.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures

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